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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 December 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show that the operating system referred to by reference number 183 and browser referred to by reference number 186, as described in the specification (page 5, lines 27-31). Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-22, 25-27, 30-32 and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U. S. 2001/0052910 A1 (Parekh et al.).

Referring to claims 1 and 8, Parekh discloses a system for generating GUI's through the use of a computer system (page 1, paragraph 13, lines 1-3). With this description of a delivery system involving software applications and a network of computers, it is inherent that there are computer systems involved in carrying out this GUI generator wherein, this computer system must have a processor circuit with a processor and memory to carry out the methods disclosed

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for generating the GUI's. As is also inherent with computer systems, it is this memory where instructions for carrying out the methods for the GUI generator are stored and wherein the processor to carry out the methods of this invention executes these instructions. Parekh discloses logic to generate an input field in the graphical user interface; the input field being associated with an input item is a template. Parekh also discloses an input field label in the graphical user interface from an input field tag in the template, the input field tag being associated with the input item in the template. Parekh clearly discusses having logic to generate input fields and labels for these input fields (page 1, paragraph 4, lines 6-8). Parekh then goes further to display the logic with the input field tags in templates clearly showing the input fields and the text that will be displayed along with these input fields provided as a label (Figure 1).

Referring to claims 2, 9 and 16, Parekh discloses that the means for identifying the input item in the template (page 3, paragraph 43, 2-5 and page 5, paragraph 69, lines 6-9).

Referring to claims 3, 10, 17, 26 and 31, Parekh discloses having the means to include logic in the template file, which would thereby be ignored and hence would not be included in the graphical user interface. This "rule" as stated by Parekh can be applied to any of the elements that are included in the graphical user interface and the logic code, thereby including any input items that may be in the template. See page 7, paragraph 102, and lines 1-3.

Referring to claims 4, 11 and 18, Parekh discloses having section tag and an ending section tag, wherein a number of input items are nested within the section and ending section tag in the template (page 7, paragraph 109, lines 5-7).

Referring to claims 5, 12 and 19, Parekh discloses a section label and means for generating them in the graphical user interface from the section tag in the template and wherein

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these sections labels are associated with an input field in the graphical user interface. These labels serve as options for the user to choose from within the input field box. See page 7, paragraph 109, lines 5-7.

Referring to claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 36, Parekh has already disclosed an "Ignore" rule, which can be combined with any of the tags, including the section tags (page 7, paragraph 102). This rule allows for certain sections to be ignored and hence it would inherent that with this rule and the section tags, there would be certain tags that can be processed and certain ones that will be "ignored", thereby disclosing the idea of alternate section tags for both the input fields and the labels. Parekh also clearly states that this "Ignore" rule where applied will apply to all the elements that are within a set of tags, thereby teaching the idea of an alternate set of tags. See page 7, paragraph 102 and paragraph 109.

Referring to claim 15, Parekh does disclose that this invention does involve a network delivery system providing files to a network of computers, this network suggesting a server, wherein these files holding the logic for generating the GUI is stored in (page 1, paragraph 13, lines 1-3). Parekh discloses logic to generate an input field in the graphical user interface; the input field being associated with an input item is a template. Parekh also discloses an input field label in the graphical user interface from an input field tag in the template, the input field tag being associated with the input item in the template. Parekh clearly discusses having logic to generate input fields and labels for these input fields (page 1, paragraph 4, lines 6-8). Parekh then goes further to display the logic with the input field tags in templates clearly showing the input fields and the text that will be displayed along with these input fields provided as a label (Figure 1).

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Referring to claim 22, Parekh discloses a system for generating GUI's through the use of a computer system (page 1, paragraph 13, lines 1-3). With this description of a delivery system involving software applications and a network of computers, it is inherent that there are computer systems involved in carrying out this GUI generator wherein, this computer system must have a processor circuit with a processor and memory to carry out the methods disclosed for generating the GUI's. As is also inherent with computer systems, it is this memory where instructions for carrying out the methods for the GUI generator are stored and wherein the processor to carry out the methods of this invention executes these instructions. Parekh discloses that these template files containing the logic to generate the graphical user interface includes properties that are default, wherein these properties apply to all aspects of the graphical user interface including the input item (page 1, paragraph 15, lines 1-2). These template files are represented as HTML documents as seen by Figure 1. Parekh discloses logic to generate an input field in the graphical user interface; the input field being associated with an input item is a template. Parekh also discloses an input field label in the graphical user interface from an input field tag in the template, the input field tag being associated with the input item in the template. Parekh clearly discusses having logic to generate input fields and labels for these input fields (page 1, paragraph 4, lines 6-8). Parekh then goes further to display the logic with the input field tags in templates clearly showing the input fields and the text that will be displayed along with these input fields provided as a label (Figure 1).

Referring to claims 25, 30 and 35, Parekh discloses a means for receiving an input item value and replacing the default value of the input item with it (page 6, paragraph 100).

Referring to claim 27, Parekh discloses that these template files containing the logic to generate the graphical user interface includes properties that are default, wherein these properties apply to all aspects of the graphical user interface including the input item (page 1, paragraph 15, lines 1-2). These template files are represented as HTML documents as seen by Figure 1.

Parekh discloses logic to generate an input field in the graphical user interface; the input field being associated with an input item is a template. Parekh also discloses an input field label in the graphical user interface from an input field tag in the template, the input field tag being associated with the input item in the template. Parekh clearly discusses having logic to generate input fields and labels for these input fields (page 1, paragraph 4, lines 6-8). Parekh then goes further to display the logic with the input field tags in templates clearly showing the input fields and the text that will be displayed along with these input fields provided as a label (Figure 1).

Referring to claim 32, Parekh does disclose that this invention does involve a network delivery system providing files to a network of computers, this network suggesting a server, wherein these files holding the logic for generating the GUI is stored in (page 1, paragraph 13, lines 1-3). Parekh discloses that these template files containing the logic to generate the graphical user interface includes properties that are default, wherein these properties apply to all aspects of the graphical user interface including the input item (page 1, paragraph 15, lines 1-2). These template files are represented as HTML documents as seen by Figure 1. Parekh discloses logic to generate an input field in the graphical user interface; the input field being associated with an input item is a template. Parekh also discloses an input field label in the graphical user interface from an input field tag in the template, the input field tag being associated with the input item in the template. Parekh clearly discusses having logic to generate input fields and

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labels for these input fields (page 1, paragraph 4, lines 6-8). Parekh then goes further to display the logic with the input field tags in templates clearly showing the input fields and the text that will be displayed along with these input fields provided as a label (Figure 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 23-24, 28-29 and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Parekh.

Referring to claims 23, 28 and 33, Parekh does have the means to include the input items in the input field for display in the document in the graphical user interface (page 7, paragraph 109, lines 5-7). Parekh also discloses that default values are included for all properties of the graphical user interface (page 1, paragraph 15, lines 1-2). Parekh may not explicitly state that the default properties will be displayed with the input items in the input field in the document in the graphical user interface. But Parekh does implicitly disclose that default property values are set and that input items in the input field will be displayed, wherein these input items that are default would also then be displayed. When Parekh states that there are default values for all properties and go on to teach a method for means for displaying input items to a display, it would be obvious that the default value for an input item would exist and would hence be displayed.

Referring to claims 24, 29 and 34, Parekh discloses information for the position of the logic input field within the document (page 3, paragraph 44, lines 6-8). Parekh does not disclose

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the location coordinates. Parekh may not explicitly state that location coordinates are used to set the location of the elements of a graphical user interface. But Parekh does implicitly state that location information within a display is used, wherein when concerning graphical user interface and windows of a computer display screen, it is obvious that these areas are described in terms of location coordinates. Hence, it is obvious that pixel locations of a graphical user interface are described using location coordinates and hence, Parekh's placeholders for the screen elements will be based on location coordinates.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach the means for generating a graphical user interface.

Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 746-7238 may be used for formal After Final communications, (703) 746-7239 for Official communications, or (703) 746-7240 for Non-Official or draft communications. NOTE: A Request for Continuation (Rule 60 or 62) cannot be faxed.

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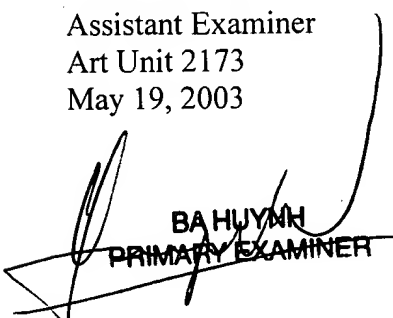
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Namitha Pillai whose telephone number is (703) 305-7691. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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